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## Denali Training Fund Quarterly Progress Report

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Signed by: <u>Joe Parrish</u> Dated <u>7-14-09</u>

### 1. In a few sentences, please describe the scope of your project

The Young Alaskans Building Affordable Housing program is based in Sitka, Alaska and is a 6-9 month long employability training program for young Alaskans seeking valuable education, life skills and job training. The participants work towards obtaining their GED while also learning basic construction skills while they build a house from the ground up. During the program, participants learn important leadership and life skills.

### 2. Project Activities for this Reporting Period:

Describe the grant activities that happened during this report period. Include planning, advertisement and/or training performance that occurred this quarter? List any accomplishments achieved. (Attach advertisements if applicable)

During this quarter the YABAH program started with 17 participants. The program started with a mental toughness week in the middle of April. Participants completed a 2 week UAS hands-on Introduction to Construction Training course April 27 to May 8. The course was taught by the UAS Construction Trainer who is also a certified NCEER instructor. The participants have worked closely with the

YABAH Teacher on education development. Twelve participants are preparing for their GED; three are working toward HS diplomas. The GED participants have started taking pre-tests and studying lessons to prepare for their tests. Five participants were selected based on interest to attend a certificated weeklong training in weatherization at UAS. Thirteen participants received certifications of completion from the Supporting Alaskans with Guidance for Employment (SAGE) Academy that was put on by Sitka Works. Topics such as: budget financing, work ethics, and healthy choices are a few life skill topics that are part of the program's curriculum. Participants also completed a Red Cross First Aid and CPR course which they got certified in.

**3. Scheduled Project Activities/Important Dates for next quarter:**

Describe your planned activities and training for next few months. Please include important dates like graduation, site visits, travel, job fairs, etc.

In the next quarter, house construction will continue and move through fall 2009. The participants will continue a schedule that involves them in 40 hours of training and education each week with 50 percent of their time spent on the construction site and 50 percent on academics. The program is designed to prepare participants to take ongoing GED/HS tests that move them toward diplomas and continuing education/training opportunities and jobs.

During the next few months, participants are also planning activities and community events such as a 3 on 3 basketball tournament August 22 to provide healthy activities for youth in the community -- and to gain leadership experience and an ongoing ethic for community engagement.

A site visit by our US DOL Program Officer, Tarah Holt, is scheduled for the week of August 17<sup>th</sup> and will be conducted in Juneau (admin office) and Sitka.

House completion and graduation is scheduled for mid December.

**4. a. How many are in your training program during this reporting period?**

We started with 17 participants and have currently lost 2 and are now down to 15 (we are funded for 16).

**b. How many people have been trained and/or certified to date from this grant?**

(Please complete form below.)

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**5. Please complete the list by putting the community to which each individual trained is from, the type of training and certification, the graduation date and who will employ them upon completion of training.**

Community where trainee lives	Type of Training/Service	Type of Certification to be earned	Dates of training	Graduation Date	Employment commitment after training is complete
Sitka Alexia, Becca Beesley, John Bingham, Ronald Conine, Kayla Cusick, Kagan Gamble, Nicole Lapchynski, David Lapchynski, James Littlefield, Joanne Moore, Jasper Nesheim, Nate Rear, David Sands, Loren Teayoumeak, Matthew Ward, Michael	UAS Intro to Construction	Certificate of Completion	April 27-May 8	December 11, 2009	To be determined
Alexia, Becca Conine, Kayla Littlefield, Joanne Lapchynski, David Lapchynski, James	UAS Weatherization	Certificate of Completion	May 18-22	same	same
Alexia, Becca Beesley, John Bingham, Ronald Conine, Kayla Cusick, Kagan Gamble, Nicole Lapchynski, David Lapchynski, James Littlefield, Joanne Moore, Jasper Nesheim, Nate Rear, David Sands, Loren Teayoumeak, Matthew Ward, Michael	Sitka Works Supporting Alaskans with Guidance for Employment (SAGE)	Certificate of Completion	June 15-19	same	same

Alexia, Becca	Red Cross First Aid and CPR	Red Cross Certification	June 25-26	same	same
Beesley, John					
Bingham, Ronald					
Conine, Kayla					
Cusick, Kagan					
Gamble, Nicole					
Lapchynski, David					
Lapchynski, James					
Littlefield, Joanne					
Moore, Jasper					
Nesheim, Nate					
Rear, David					
Sands, Loren					
Teayoumeak, Matthew					
Ward, Michael					

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6. Please identify any problems or changes in your training project that will affect the budget, scope or timeline of the project. Is your training on schedule? What are the reasons for any difficulties or delays? Are you over budget/under budget? Have you had to change the initial scope?

The timeline for the house construction has been delayed by several weeks as the result of a late start by Baranof Island Housing Authority (BIHA) for getting the site prepped. The delay may require SAGA to bring in additional help during key construction phases to complete the house on schedule, but should not affect the budget or scope of this grant.

Please provide an explanation to this change and your resolution to the variance.

7. How are you or will you be evaluating the individuals being trained to ensure competency, skill level and understanding? (Testing, assessment, etc)

The YABAH staff which includes a Teacher, Counselor, Constriction Trainer, Program Manager, and two AmeriCorps Assistants have weekly meetings to evaluate participant progress and discuss strategies for keeping people on track. In addition, the staff performs monthly evaluations that track individual progress towards academic achievement and skills development. The staff uses the Y.E.S., Youth Employability Skills, guidelines to evaluate participants and the Program Manager and Counselor meet individually with participants to discuss their progress. GED test results are documented as well as earned credits for those working towards HS diplomas.

8. Please identify areas that we can assist you in the future.





